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Carmen Belefonte, Treasurer
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Political Action Committee
1050 31st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

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Reference: October Quarterly (9/1/96-9/30/96) and Amended 12 Day Pre-General (10/1/96-10/16/96 dated 11/25/96) Reports

Dear Ms. Belefonte:

On May 21, 1997 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your June 5, 1997 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule B of your report discloses contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (copies attached). Your response states that the following local party committees are independently run, controlled and financed, and are, therefore, separate from the Texas State Democratic Party: Tarrant County Democratic Party, Bexar County Democratic Party, Dallas County Democratic Party, Galveston County Democratic Party, Harris County Democratic Party, Jefferson County Democratic Party and Travis County Democratic Party. You therefore feel it was proper to make a \$5000 contribution to each. Please note that local party committees within a state are presumed to be affiliated with the state party committee and therefore considered affiliated with each other, thus sharing the contribution limit for one political committee. A local party committee may be considered independent of the state party committee if it can meet certain standards. See 11 CFR 110.3(b)(3)(i) and (ii). If these local party committees feel they are not affiliated, they should submit an Advisory